

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, please amend the second full paragraph as follows:

The body 2 is defined by means of a substantially tubular rigid shell which extends in a longitudinal direction 6. This body ~~[[4]]~~ 2 has an aperture 8 which extends in the longitudinal direction 6 over at least the main part of the length of the body 2.

On page 6, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

In the absence of any external action, the locking catch ~~[[24]]~~ 26 is positioned in the inactive position and forms a protrusion on the tongue in the direction of the front portion 22.

On page 6, please amend the second full paragraph as follows:

When the straps 12 are tightened, the tongue 10 is pressed against a surface of the front ~~surface~~ portion 22 which then comes into contact with the locking catch 26, thus bringing it into an active position.